

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CAIRO 03081 211208Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PRS-01 SS-15 NSC-05 NSCE-00 SSO-00
CCO-00 /032 W

-----211212 122395 /21

O 211050Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO USDEL SECRETARYS PARTY NIACT IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0000

INFO USIA WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T CAIRO 3081

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PROF, PROP, EG, UR, US

SUBJECT: APPARENET SOVIET DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT AGAINST U.S.

REF: A. STATE 39056 B. CAIRO 2876

1. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT WANT TO OVER-REACT TO PUBLICATION
USIS FORGERY NEITHER DO WE WANT TO RISK UNDERESTIMATING
CREDIBILITY THAT MANY EGYPTIANS WILL GIVE TO ROSE
AL YUSUF STORY. WITH THIS IN MIND EMBASSY DOES NOT BE-
LIEVE PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL (A) ARE SUFFICIENTLY HARD
HITTING TO COUNTER NEGATIVE IMPACT (REPORTED CAIRO 2876)
THAT FORGERY HAS ALREADY HAD AMONG SOME HIGH LEVEL EGYPTIANS.
PUBLICATION IN ROSE AL YUSUF WHICH IS WIDELY READ BY INTELLECUTALS
AND GOE OFFICIALS, IS LIKELY TO ENHANCE CREDIBILITY OF
FOREGERY. (FIRST SECRETARY OF ASU MUSTAFA KHALIL, WHO HAD EARLIER
RECEIVED COPY OF FORGERY THROUGH MAIL, JUST CALLED AMBASSADOR
AND ASKED WHAT EMBASSY IS GOING TO DO ABOUT ROSE AL YUSUF STORY.
KHALIL SAID IT IS "VERY DAMAGING" TO U.S. AND RECOMMENDED THAT WE
ISSUE FORECEFUL DENIAL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE).

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PRESS:

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CAIRO 03081 211208Z

"AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS HAS COME TO THE ATTEN-
TION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PURPORTING TO BE A REPORT OF A DIS-
CUSSION IN DETROIT ON MARCH 24, 1976, CONCERNING THE SITUATION
IN EGYPT. THE REPORT FURTHER ALLEGES THAT MR. EDWIN YEO, WHO
WAS AN UNDER SECRETARY OF TREASURY AT THAT TIME, REPRESENTED
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS MEETING. THE ROSE AL YUSUF STORY
IS A TOTAL FABRICATION".

"MR. YEO HAS STATED THAT DURING HIS TENURE AS UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TRASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS FROM AUGUST 1975 TO JANUARY 1977, HE NEVER MADE A SPEECH ON EGYPT BEFORE ANY GROUP. MR. YEO HAS FURTHER NOTED THAT ON MARCH 24, 1976, HE WAS IN FACT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE EMBASSY HAS A COPY OF THE ALLEGED DOUCMENT ON WHICH ROSE AL YUSUF BASED ITS STORY. AN EXAMINATION OF THIS DOCUMENT SHOWS IT TO BE AN OBVIOUS AND CLUMSY FORGERY. THE DOCUMENT IS A PURPORTED USIS ATHENS PRESS RELEASE DATED APRIL 26, 1976, WHICH CLAIMS TO GIVE THE TEXT OF A SPEECH BY THE THEN TREASURY UNDER SECREARY EDWIN YEO BEFORE THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB ON MARCH 24, 1976. MR. YEO HAS STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER SPOKEN BEFORE THE DETORIT ECONOMIC CLUB ON ANY SUBJECT. THE FORGED DOCUMENT ALSO CLAIMS THAT MR. YEO ACCOMPANIED SECRETARY SIMON ON HIS MARCH 1976 VISIT TO EGYPT WHEN IN FACT MR. YEO HASNEVER BEEN TO EGYPT. USIS ATHENS DID NOT ISSUE THIS DOCUMENT. THERE IS ADDITIONAL INTRINSIC EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS A CRUDE FOREGERY: FOR EXAMPLE, THE DOCUMENT HAS A "RESTRICTED" STAMP ON ITS TITLE PAGE WHICH NEITHER US S NOR ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT USES. FURTHERMORE, USIS ATEHSN WOULD NOT ISSUE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE CONTENT, FORMAT, AND CURIOUS METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (BY MAIL FROM ATHENS) ALL ATTEST TO THE QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN OF THE DOCUMENT. IT IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO POISON U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, AND IT IS IN OBVIOUS CONTRADICTION TO THE WELL KNOWN AND EXTENSIVE SUPPORT WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMT IS PROVIDING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SADAT, MOST RECENTLY BY THE \$500 MILLION

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 CAIRO 03081 211208Z

ASSISTANCE PACKAGE ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 1977. U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS TOTALLED AMOST \$2 BILLION AND IS THE LARGEST SINGLE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD.

END QUOTE

3. OUR OBJECTIVES IS TO ISSUE ABOVE RELEASE TODAY IN TIME FOR THREE MAJOR DAILIES AND MENA TO CARRY IT IN FEB 22 PAPERS. IN ORDER TO DO SO WE WILL NEED RESPONSE BY ABOUT 1700 GMT. EILTS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USDEL SECRETARYS PARTY--PER CCO.

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FORGERY, DOCUMENTS, PROPAGANDA, PRESS RELEASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAIRO03081
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770060-0811
Format: TEL
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770223/aaaaauhl.tel
Line Count: 110
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cf4df2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 39056
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3270741
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: APPARENET SOVIET DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT AGAINST U.S.
TAGS: PFOR, PROP, EG, UR, US
To: SECRETARYS PARTY STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cf4df2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009